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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**2/25/10**

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Thomas Alonzo, Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Thomas Mason (arrived @ 7:10 PM), Dave Matthews and Town Manager Kerry Speidel present. Meeting opened at 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**1. Minutes** - Board of Selectmen regular and executive session minutes of 2/2/10 tabled to next week.

**Warrants** - #47 10, 2/23/10 - \$116,036.51 and Water Commission 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr commitment of 2010, 2/18/10 - \$496.55 reviewed and signed.

**2. Special / Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Open / Close** – Board voted unanimously (Tom A., Paula, and Dave) to open the Special/Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Articles for inclusion on the warrant are to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen office no later than Friday, March 12, 2010 @ 12:30 PM. Chair noted that if articles from the public are not presented to the board by their meeting of 3/9/10 then they will have to be submitted by petition. Reviewed schedule for caucus, town meeting and election.

**3. FY 2011 Budget** – Kerry presented the attached Power Point Presentation on the Proposed Annual Budget for FY2011 to the Board and Finance Committee. Chair expressed appreciation to both Kerry and School Superintendant, Loxi Jo Calmes for their budget presentations (school received their proposed FY2011 budget at the School Committee meeting of 2/24/10). Noted that this is a preliminary budget as we will continue to work with the numbers as we receive information from the state.

School Committee member Milree Keeling expressed appreciation for the presentation and noted the cuts that were restored to the town departments and questioned whether Kerry will be also looking at these expenditures within the school department as they are facing the same budget busters within the school department as are the other town departments. Kerry stated that she did not have this information from the school in preparing her budget and think that there is some flexibility and that we may be able to come closer together within that appropriation.

Loxi noted that the intent of the School Committee was that they needed to take the time to ensure that they were presenting to not polarize us and expressed appreciation to Kerry for her communication with the school department.

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen